

CONFERENCE ON JAP. PROBLEM

State Department Officers and Californians See President

STATEMENT TO COME LATER

Conference at White House Yesterday
Attended by Secretary Bacon, Assistant Secretary O'Loughlin, and Senator Flint.

Washington, Feb. 9.—A conference on the Japanese question characterized by great activity was held at the White House yesterday.

Those who took part, besides the president, were Secretary of State Bacon, First Assistant Secretary of State O'Loughlin, Senator Flint and Representative Kahn of California and Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane. Mr. Lane is a Californian.

The holding of the conference indicates that the president is still deeply concerned over the Japanese situation in California and Nevada.

The conference lasted more than half an hour, but those who took part in it were cautioned by the president to say nothing about it. Nothing could be learned as to what the particular matters of discussion were. It was said that the president later in the day might make a statement on the subject.

Seek to Settle Strike.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 9.—National officers of the builders' unions held a meeting here yesterday at which plans were discussed for effecting a settlement of the union carpenters' strike in this city, which has been on for three years. The carpenter struck for a closed shop and were only partly successful. The national officers will confer with the men and make an effort to have a conference with the contractors to-day.

TO KEEP UP BUSINESS.

Rutland People Form an Incorporation For \$100,000.

Rutland, Feb. 9.—F. J. Macnish, Walter McBroome, E. W. Chandler, H. B. Osgood and George C. Fay, all of Chicago, have filed articles in the office of City Clerk H. B. Whittey, incorporating under the name of the Rutland Manufacturing company. The company is capitalized at \$100,000, divided into 100 shares of \$100 each, and its purpose is said to be "buying, selling and dealing in logs, lumber and its products and general merchandise of every description." The business is to be carried on in the city of Rutland.

C. P. Cooper, general manager of the local branch of the Creamery Package Manufacturing company said that the incorporation of the new concern was the object of the incorporation was to give the Rutland plant a distinctive name. He said it meant no change whatever in the business of the local factory.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect It.

How to Find Out.
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You may have a sample bottle sent free by mail. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. Mention this paper and remember the name, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

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CROMWELL ON THE STAND.

District Attorney Jerome Will Enter No Contest to Take Up the Case.

New York, Feb. 9.—William Nelson Cromwell, counsel for the Panama canal company of France, the rights of which were purchased by the United States government, was a witness before the federal grand jury yesterday in the government's proceedings against the New York World and others in connection with alleged libelous publications regarding the Panama canal purchase.

When District Attorney Jerome was asked yesterday if he had dropped the Panama investigation, he said:

"The prosecution in the state courts must take precedence over that in the federal courts to get results. A prosecution of the same person in the federal courts would be a bar to the prosecution in the state courts."

"I am not going to enter into any speed contest to get the indictment in this case, and until I hear from the attorney general that I am to have the precedence in this prosecution, I shall take no step."

Several days ago the district attorney sent a letter to U. S. Attorney Stimson, in which it was set forth that there was a clear case of criminal libel against Douglas Robinson, a brother-in-law of President Roosevelt, and, furthermore, stated that he would proceed in the investigation if Mr. Robinson would appear and lodge a complaint. Mr. Robinson has had at least one interview with the district attorney.

Then followed a protracted and prolonged correspondence between the criminal courts building and the general post office. The nature of this correspondence has never been made public. The apparent delay and failure of the district attorney to take any action in the matter has caused widespread comment.

LITTLE MOTHER, 8 YEARS OLD, SHOTS HERSELF

She Had Cared for Two Younger Children Since Mother's Death.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 9.—Word was received here yesterday from Bolivar, Pa., of the suicide there Saturday evening of May Estella, eight years old. The child's mother died some time ago, and she had since been caring for two younger children. Saturday night the child said to her father: "Papa, I'm going to shoot."

Before he had time to realize the meaning of the words, the girl fired a bullet into her right temple.

"BAD MAN" IN CUSTODY.

Will Be Made to Pay a Fine and Costs of \$400.

Rutland, Feb. 9.—Domenico Garangolo of Pawlet pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace B. H. Stickney at the county court house yesterday to the charge of breach of the peace and keeping liquor with intent to sell. He was fined \$25 for the first offense and \$300 for the second. The costs amounted to \$56.51. The respondent expects to pay up. Meanwhile he will be confined in the Rutland county jail.

Antonio Tommasina telephoned from West Pawlet to Peter Bove Saturday that Garangolo had blackened both his eyes because he refused to play cards for a case of beer. Mr. Bove reported the matter to State Attorney J. C. Jones and the state's attorney swore out a warrant for Garangolo's arrest on the charge of breach of the peace. He also issued a liquor search warrant, and Deputy Sheriff "Pascal" Rice, armed with the two warrants, drove to West Pawlet Sunday in company with Mr. Bove. Garangolo has the reputation among the Italians of Rutland county of being a bad man, and many Italian friends of the officer and Mr. Bove predicted that they would not return alive. A stabbing affray occurred in Garangolo's home only a few weeks ago. Sheriff Rice's brother telephoned to West Pawlet in the afternoon to find out if the sheriff was all right.

Sheriff Rice entered Garangolo's house without knocking, found his man unprepared and had him handcuffed before he realized what was going on. Taking him prisoner out of the house, he chained him to the carriage while he went back to look for liquor. His search was rewarded by the discovery of a keg of beer and several bottles of the same beverage. Garangolo was brought to this city and lodged in the county jail.

NO AMERICAN INTERVENTION.

We Favor Anglo-Russian Plan in Persia.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 9.—The Nova Vremya yesterday publishes a despatch from Tehran saying that the reactionists in Persia recently sounded the diplomatic representatives at the capital of the United States, Austria-Hungary, Germany and Italy, regarding the possibility of intervention with a view of paralyzing the Anglo-Russian reform scheme for Persia. The American representative, the correspondent continues, said his government was in favor of the Anglo-Russian proposals.

RUSSIANS BEHAVE BADLY.

And Foreign Residents of Harbin Are Somewhat Alarmed.

Peking, Feb. 9.—Foreign residents at Harbin are alarmed at the activity shown there by Russia during the past fortnight by installing a municipal administration, hitherto held in abeyance, and in overhauling Chinese authority, collecting heavy taxes and exercising severe police measures.

It is further reported that the Russian authorities are ignoring the treaty rights of other nations and that he vicerealty at Mukden is considerably excited over the situation.

WILLIAM'S KIDNEY PILLS.

Have you neglected your kidneys? Have you overworked your nervous system and caused trouble with your kidneys and bladder? Have you pains in joints, back, groin and loins? Have you a sandy appearance of the face, especially under the eyes? Too frequent desire to pass urine? If so, William's Kidney Pills will cure you. They are the most reliable and most effective of all kidney pills. Sold by C. H. Kendrick & Co., Barre, Vt.

HARMONY ON THE ISTHMUS

Taft's Visit Brings About Good Feeling

HE AND HIS PARTY LEAVE

Colon for New Orleans, Where He Will Be Given a Reception—Will Have Report When He Reaches That City.

Colon, Feb. 9.—President-elect William H. Taft and party left here Sunday afternoon on board the United States cruiser North Carolina, which sailed for New Orleans at six o'clock, accompanied by the cruiser Montana. Just previous to embarking, Mr. Taft said:

"I am not prepared now to make a statement as to the results of the trip to the isthmus, except to say that we have found the work progressing in a most satisfactory way; the organization better than ever before; the spirit of corps excellent and the determination of all, even the humblest laborer, directed to the building of the canal. I am sure this has impressed itself upon every one of the board of visiting engineers as it has upon me. With reference to the type of canal and the continuance of the present plans, the engineers promise that they will be able to hand me their report by the time we leave New Orleans."

Mr. Taft and party reached Colon from Panama yesterday afternoon. Governor Melendez and a large gathering of the Panama railroad and the isthmian canal commission employees were at the dock to bid the president-elect farewell. Lieutenant Colonel Goethals, the chief engineer of the canal, accompanied Mr. Taft on the North Carolina. He will proceed to Washington to discuss the appropriations necessary for the completion of the work. As the tug which transferred the visitors to the cruiser moved away, the crowds cheered heartily. Mr. Taft, looking the picture of health, bowed and called out, laughing: "Keep your eye on that submarine lake at Gatun."

During his visit here, which lasted ten days, Mr. Taft, accompanied on many occasions by the special engineers who came to the isthmus with him, visited every section of the canal.

An official announcement is made of the widening of 4½ miles of the Culebra cut from Bas Obispo to Pedro Miguel from 300 to 300 feet. This will cost \$14,000,000 and will mean an extra excavation of 12,000,000 cubic yards. The widening was recently ordered by President Roosevelt. The minimum width of the canal will be 300 feet.

WILL MEET TAFT.

Cardinal Gibbons to Attend the Banquet at New Orleans.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 9.—Cardinal Gibbons left Sunday night for New Orleans, where he will deliver the invocation at the dinner to President-elect Taft on Feb. 12. The cardinal did not go to New Orleans for the express purpose of speaking at the banquet, but he is making his annual trip to visit his brother. The cardinal is due to arrive in New Orleans to-day. Rev. Louis Stickney is accompanying the prelate.

SIX KILLED IN EXPLOSION.

Dynamite Blows Up in a Mine Near Nancy, France.

Nancy, France, Feb. 9.—Six persons were killed Sunday by the explosion of a large quantity of dynamite and ten thousand blasting cartridges in the storehouse of a mine at Trouquiex. The explosion was heard at a distance of ten miles and the windows of all houses within a radius of three miles were broken.

VALUABLE CATTLE BURNED.

One Hundred and Twenty-five Holsteins Destroyed.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—One hundred and twenty-five Holstein cattle, valued at more than \$11,000, were burned to death Sunday in a barn on a farm near Elgin. Every cow in the barn was destroyed. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

JEROME IN NO SPEED CONTEST.

He Is Not Rushing to Take Up Panama Libel.

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TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box.

MRS. SAMPSON INDICTED.

Will Not Be Tried For Husband's Murder At The Next Term of Court.

Palmyra, N. Y., Feb. 9.—It is unofficially reported but on good authority that Mrs. George A. Sampson has been indicted by the Wayne county grand jury for the alleged murder of her husband, Harry Sampson, a nephew of the late Admiral Sampson.

Mrs. Sampson, it is stated, will not be tried at the next term of court.

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CATULLE MENDES KILLED BY TRAIN

French Author and Critic Meets Tragic End on His Way Home from Paris.

Paris, Feb. 9.—Catulle Mendes, the author, died Sunday night in tragic circumstances. He fell from a train in the St. Germain tunnel and was run over and killed. He was 68 years of age.

Mendes lived at St. Germain all alone, having separated from his wife several years ago. He passed Sunday morning at the restaurant, Pavillon Henri Quatre, where he worked with Liane de Porgy, the actress, on a piece on which they were collaborating.

He went to Paris in the evening to dine with the Baron Oppenheim, the latter's house, as was his general custom, and took the midnight train on his return trip. He was then in his customary good spirits.

It is considered probable that he went to sleep in the train and awoke suddenly, finding he had arrived at his station, while the train was in the tunnel. The tunnel is only a short distance from the station.

Mendes was dramatic critic of the Journal. He had written a Napoleonic play, which was about to be produced at the Theatre Rejane.

CONFESSES MURDER.

A Convict Says That He Killed a Girl in 1895.

Benton, Ill., Feb. 9.—A letter from convict No. 47385, Ohio penitentiary, received by State's Attorney Hickman for this (Franklin) county, tends to lift the suspicion that John Carr, a prominent citizen of West Frankfort, Ill., murdered Mrs. Anna Wilmore, who disappeared from her home at West Frankfort on August 1, 1896, and whose body was found ten days later in a well by boys. The throat was cut from ear to ear and there were many bruises.

Her delicate condition and the supposition that she was to have married young Carr put him under suspicion.

Convict No. 37,383 is C. Clayton on the Ohio penitentiary books, but he has confessed to the warden there that he is Riley Price, a native of this county, and that he committed the crime.

He is crippled and conscience stricken and willing to return and pay the penalty. How he obtained his influence over Miss Wilmore can only be cleared by him. His confession to the warden and state's attorney coincides with the facts in the case.

NO "ON SIGHT" MASON.

Taft Wants to Be Initiated Into His Father's Lodge.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 9.—Notwithstanding that the grand master of the Masonic grand lodge of the state of Ohio has reiterated his former statement that President-elect William H. Taft will be made a Mason "at sight," it is probable that Mr. Taft will not accept the honor even though all objections by other lodges be withdrawn.

An offer to make him a Mason on sight was tendered to Mr. Taft while he was in Augusta by the lodge of that city, but he declined.

"I will be glad to become a Mason," said Mr. Taft, "but when I take my Masonic degrees I will be in the home lodge of my father. I appreciate the thought of me, but I will take my degrees where my father was made a Mason."

Georgia Masons are confident that Mr. Taft, after declining their invitation, will not accept the Ohio offer.

MYSTERY SOLVED?

Ship Sunk Off Hatteras May Have Been the Dorothy.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 9.—The little American steamship Dorothy, Capt. Platt, it is now thought, may be the one which the Diamond Shoals lightship crew reported they saw founder and go down by the stern near them on January 30.

The Dorothy, which is of 287 tons register, loaded deep with coal at Newport News, and on Jan. 29 passed out the Virginia capes bound for Gardons, Cuba. Her arrival has not been reported, so far as is known here, and shipping men have concluded that she probably is the ship which mysteriously disappeared off Hatteras.

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AUTOMOBILES FOR TAFT

Money Included in Deficiency Appropriation

BILL GOES TO PRESIDENT

Move for Obedience to the Calls of the Senate—The Crum Nomination Again Before an Executive Session.

Washington, Feb. 9.—In the House of Representatives yesterday the conference report on the urgent deficiency appropriation bill was agreed to without debate. The bill now goes to the president. The report finally disposed of the item of \$19,000 for automobiles for the White House by authorizing the necessary appropriation.

PRES. FAVORS WIRELESS BILL.

Mr. Burke, The Author, at the White House, Discusses Measure.

Representative Burke of Pennsylvania, author of the bill pending in the House to require all sea-going vessels carrying as many as fifty passengers to equip themselves with wireless telegraph apparatus, called on the president yesterday and discussed the subject with him. Mr. Burke said the president favored the general principle of the bill and believed that the safety of humanity at sea demanded that something be done.

TEMPERANCE FOR WASHINGTON.

Mr. Miller Introduces Amendments For The Anti-Saloon League.

Representative Miller of Kansas, who has been chosen as the House leader and spokesman for the Anti-Saloon league of America, introduced yesterday for the league the amendment to the excise laws of the District of Columbia drafted by the corporation counsel, approved by the commissioners of the district and previously introduced in the Senate by Senator Gallinger, chairman of the Senate district committee.

COMPEL OBEDIENCE TO SENATE.

Mr. Rayner Moves to Enforce Production of Desired Documents.

A resolution was introduced yesterday by Mr. Rayner declaring that the Senate has power to compel obedience to any summons of the Senate, and also the giving of testimony, and the production of documents by witnesses when summoned. The resolution included in its declaration of power in such matters "all civil officers of the United States." It was ordered to lie on the table. Mr. Rayner will speak on it in the near future.

CRUM AGAIN BEFORE THE SENATE

Nomination of Collector For Charleston Discussed in Executive Session.

After a brief legislative session yesterday the Senate proceeded in executive session to consider the nomination of William D. Crum to be collector of customs of Charleston, S. C.

"INSURGENTS" OFFER NEW RULES

Resolution to Be Introduced to Limit The Power of The Speaker.

The House "insurgents" will introduce a resolution today providing for radical changes in the rules which are proposed to limit the power of the speaker.

ROOSEVELT TAKES A ROUGH RIDE

He Goes in a Snowstorm and Wears Out Two Secret Service Men.

Braving a snowstorm, President Roosevelt led two secret service men on a merry chase on horseback through Rock Creek Park Sunday afternoon. When he returned to the White House about dusk he was coated from the top of his "rough rider" hat to the toes of his riding boots with a white man's and somehow resembled a "snow man." The president finished the ride in fine shape, but his body guard was shivering and soaked.

JEFF DAVIS IN AUTO.

Rides to White House in a Brand New Car.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas rode up to the White House yesterday morning in a brand new imported Lorraine motor car and made a brief call on the president. This is the first visit Mr. Davis has made to the White House this year for he and the president are not the warmest of friends and neither professes any admiration for the other. Senator Davis remained in the president's office only a moment or two.

Wanted: 50 Men and Women

D. F. Davis, the enterprising druggist is advertising today for fifty men and women to take advantage of the special half price offer he is making on Dr. Howard's celebrated specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia, and get a fifty cent package at half price, 25 cents.

So positive is he of the remarkable power of this specific to cure these diseases, as well as sick headaches and liver troubles, that he agrees to refund the money to any customer whom this medicine does not quickly relieve and cure.

With Dr. Howard's specific at hand, you can eat what you want and have no fear of ill consequences. It strengthens the stomach, gives perfect digestion, regulates the bowels, creates an appetite, and makes life worth the living. This is an unusual opportunity to obtain 50 doses of the best medicine ever made for half its regular price, with the personal guarantee of a well known business man to refund the money if it does not give satisfaction.

WONT TINKER WITH RATE LAW

Elkins for the Senate Committee Reports

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT

No Chance for Fulton Bill—A Time for Repose and Not Agitation, the West Virginia Senator Has Declared.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Of the utmost importance in connection with the various proposals for rate legislation and amendment of the interstate commerce law is the report which was sent to the Senate yesterday by Senator Elkins, the chairman of the interstate commerce committee, setting forth the reasons for making an adverse report on the Fulton bill. This bill was intended to give the interstate commerce commission power to pass in advance on proposed increases of rates.

The tone of the report makes it extremely clear that attempts to get the interstate commerce law amended are going to have hard sledding in the Senate. The interstate commerce committee until the present law has had a fair trial. In closing his report, Senator Elkins for the committee serves notice that this is a time for repose and not agitation. He says:

"The country is now demanding repose in its industrial upbuilding. It is not a time to experiment and to change the basis upon which the former acts, a report was sent to the Senate yesterday by Secretary Newberry, saying that it costs \$109,886 to keep a first class battleship in repair and good condition for one year. This figure does not include extraordinary repairs. The cost of coal used in battleships for the fiscal year 1908 was \$3,163,002, and this amount was increased by transportation and storage charges to \$5,544,945."

MAINTAINING A BATTLESHIP.

The Repairs Alone Cost Annually \$109,886.

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DIRECT PRIMARIES.

Subject of Confab Between Woodruff and Governor Hughes.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Chairman Woodruff of the Republican state committee came here yesterday to confer with Governor Hughes. It was admitted that the principal topic of the confab would be the direct primaries proposition. The governor expects to make public speeches on the subject and it is said that the first one will be made before the Young Republican club of Brooklyn on Feb. 20.

Gov. Hadley Saws His Wood.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 9.—Governor Hadley of Missouri saw his own firewood in the cellar of the executive mansion.

"It is one of the best forms of exercise that I know of," declares the governor, "and I have been doing it at the mansion these disagreeable mornings when the weather prevents my daily horseback ride or long walk."

Sawing wood has been the governor's exercise for years. Before occupying the executive mansion he cut the wood used in his residence.

USE FOR FINE.

Texas Plans State Park from Waters-Pierce Money.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 9.—A movement was started in the state legislature yesterday to use part of the Waters-Pierce oil company's fine of \$1,000,000 to establish a great state park on the battlefield of San Jacinto. The last of this ground the state purchased last Saturday.

BEAUTIFUL WOMEN